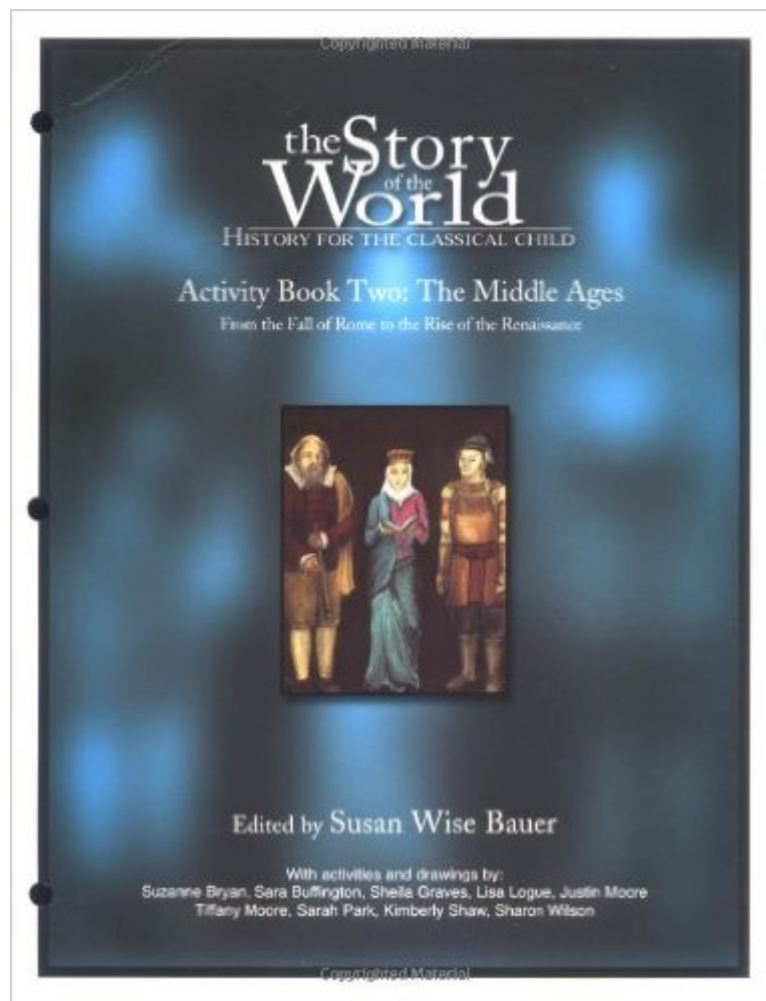


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# The Story Of The World, Activity Book Two, The Middle Ages: From The Fall Of Rome To The Rise Of The Renaissance



## Synopsis

This comprehensive activity book and curriculum guide contains all you need to make history come alive for your child! Don't just read about history; experience it! Color a picture of a Viking warrior, make an edible oasis, create a Moorish ruler's turban and Aztec jewelry and more.

Designed to turn the accompanying book *The Story of the World: Volume 2: The Middle Ages* into a complete history program, this Activity Book provides you with comprehension questions and answers, sample narrations, maps and geography activities, coloring pages, lists of additional readings in history and literature, and plenty of simple, hands-on activities; all designed for grades 1-4.

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## Customer Reviews

This is our second year using *Story of the World* as our history spine for my K and 4th grader. The activity guide is similar to Vol. 1, although the difficulty level of work has increased slightly. This guide is written for 2-5th graders. As in *SOTW 1*, this activity guide has review questions, sample narrations, additional reading suggestions, map work and hands on activities, with review cards every four chapters. What I love best about *SOTW* is that I can read the main story to my children and use this activity guide to pick and choose what \*we\* want to do with our history lesson. They provide the base, yet I have the flexibility to do what works best within our school. If we are interested in a subject, we can do more activities, or we can skip most and move on. I take the suggested reading lists to the library, where I can either choose from what's on hand, or I can find

additional books on the same subject. I appreciate Susan Wise Bauer's notations on grade level appropriateness for the books, so I can know ahead of time if it's something my 10 yo can read on her own, or if it's something I'll be reading from to both of my kids. I generally ask review questions of both my children, then my 10 yo does the written narration and map work. Both kids do the coloring pages, and my younger child listens to some of our additional reading. Permission is given in the book to make copies of pages for a second child within your own family. This book is taking us longer than a year to complete, but that's because we are having a lot of fun with it. I am enjoying history as much as the kids. The activity guide is a marvelous addition to the base book, and I wouldn't want to do history in any other way. As commented in reviews of the Vol. 1 activity book, there are more typographical errors than one would expect. This is unfortunate, but I appreciate the effort made to get these books out as quickly as possible.

I love the copy pages and maps in this book. Also, the suggested reading lists are very helpful as are the chapter questions and review. However, I find about 70% of the activities are too complicated for a child to complete, maybe even for an adult to complete. Even if you want to do the activities you need much planning time to gather supplies. Otherwise it's an excellent buy.

First the positive Each book in this series is a complete introduction to history within a certain time frame, for example this one is about the Middle Ages. You will have to add your own history book to go along with this, this is just the lesson plan/idea book. (Usorne History of the World would be one example of the type of history book you might buy). This book has a lot of ideas and activities in it all relating to the Middle Ages. There is cooking recipes, craft ideas, coloring pages, and so on. It is very comprehensive. The one Negative Comment. It is very big and very thick. A large part of this is because it gets into the very basic ideas that most people do not need help remembering. That is, it provides a list of questions for each subject and page read. The questions are very basic and many of them you could think of yourself. However, this would be helpful for a first time home school mother who is not sure where to start. Well worth the money. Enjoy.

My son and I love this way to do homeschool history. It's almost story form and very easy to follow. He is in 9th grade so we are flying through it, but it's so interesting to both of us. What a great overview of history from the beginning. (If you start with book one) This activity book has great maps and discussion questions that we use. There are many lists of resources to use with the lessons, as well as activities to draw, etc.

This activity book is livening our history program and it saves so much research and time. I like the recipes and crafts that she describes and I can not wait to do more of them with my daughter. So far she has eaten like a barbarian, made a Roman battle signum , built an edible roman building out of cookies and tore it apart like the barbarians did. I highly recommend this book. It will require some imagination, craft supplies, and messiness, but it is worth it and Susan Wise Bauer makes it easy by sharing her ideas, maps, and coloring pages.

Not until I was homeschooling our precious three did I realize how interesting history really is. We loved all of The Story of the World books and used the Activity books tremendously. I am not very creative and relied heavily on the suggestions put forth in the book. Now I teach at a middle school and find myself turning again to these wonderful books to supplement our own dry textbooks.

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